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Subject: preliminary ORD response to OIG ___ RE: OIG Status Update - Scientific Integrity Audit

Hi OSAPE,

Good afternoon. Great news to hear the OIG draft report on SI will not be issued during the Dec holiday season. Congrats to the SI team for resolving some recommendations which the OIG plans to eliminate in the future draft report!!

In response to Jim Kohler's message offering to review any ORD preliminary responses to the OIG draft recommendations, if OSAPE plans to share any preliminary corrective action responses, please first coordinate with ORD's audit team prior to submitting any draft/preliminary responses to the OIG. The IOAA would prefer to preview any preliminary responses sent to the OIG.

If additional information is needed, please let me know.

Thank you and happy holidays!!

Maureen Hingeley

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Cc: Gilbride, Patrick <Gilbride.Patrick@epa.gov>; Hingeley, Maureen <Hingeley.Maureen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OIG Status Update - Scientific Integrity Audit

Hi Maureen and all,

I just wanted to update you on our draft report. We plan to issue the draft report in January – so nothing before the holidays! The draft report recommendations have been revised (and, in some cases, dropped) based on subsequent discussions and information provided by Francesca and her team.

I also wanted to let you know that we have included a recommendation to the Deputy Administrator in our draft report. The recommendation (subject to change) currently reads:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

I plan to email Michael Benton (AFC OA) as well as Kevin DeBell (OA Scientific Integrity Committee Member) about this recommendation shortly. I will cc ORD as well.

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like additional context. We are happy to meet with you to discuss further (and will extend the same invitation to OA). Thank you!

Jim Kohler
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From: ORD_AuditTeam <ORD_AuditTeam@epa.gov>

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Subject: RE: OIG Status Update - Scientific Integrity Audit

Good morning all,

Jim, thanks for the update on the status of the OIG draft report on SI.

We look forward to meeting with your team prior to the report. Please note during the mid/late Dec timeframe, schedules may be limited due to annual leave and use/loose because of the holidays and end of year.

Thanks again,

Maureen Hingeley

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Cc: Gilbride, Patrick <Gilbride.Patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OIG Status Update - Scientific Integrity Audit

Hi Maureen and all,

Just so you're not expecting anything before Thanksgiving...some updates:

- >The draft report is still going through OIG's review process.
- >Before the draft is issued, I will work with you to schedule a meeting (along with other interested offices/regions) to discuss any changes made.
- >We expect the draft report to be issued in late December (I'll keep you posted if it looks like it will be earlier.)
- >Once the draft report is issued, you will have 30 days to comment on the draft report and provide an AA-level response to the recommendations.

Vince: Sorry the report won't be out before you depart! I'm sure Francesca and Marti will keep you posted.
Thanks for all your help! ☺

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Happy Thanksgiving!

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From: Kohler, James
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Subject: OIG Status Update - Scientific Integrity Audit

Hi Maureen and all!

I just wanted to give you an update on the scientific integrity audit:

- >As appropriate, we have incorporated the agency's comments on the discussion document (received from ORD and OAR) into our draft report.
- >The draft report is currently going through OIG's review process.
- >Before the draft is issued, I can work with you to schedule a meeting (along with other interested offices/regions) to discuss the changes made.
- >We expect the draft report to be issued late November/early December.
- >Once the draft report is issued, you will have 30 days to comment on the draft report and provide an AA-level response to the recommendations.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Jim

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